



Many of our members have had long associations with aviation but the depth of that relationship is unknown to many of us. Ray's lifetime involvement is particularly significant as indicated below.

Ray moved to Prescott in 1994 after retiring from a 34 year career heading the Illinois Aeronautics Division's Office. Among his responsibilities was the State's interest in the Civil Air Patrol and other volunteer aviation organizations. In addition, the Division enhanced the States' interest in both formal & aviation education activities. Ray's prior employment was as an Industrial Engineer in Minneapolis.

Ray has been actively involved in the Prescott Community. He has worked with several airport and community organizations, including the Sheriff's Air Group and Prescott Airport Users Association. He is a past Chairman of the Prescott Airport Advisory Committee and is currently a member of the ERAU Board of Visitors, also active with the Prescott Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee.

He has continued an active role with the National Aeronautic as their Education Chairman, the representative to the National Coalition for Aviation/Space Education and as a US Delegate to the Federation Aeronautic International Organization.

A University of Minnesota graduate in Business Administration(1949) and Industrial Engineering(1951) and earned a Master's Degree in Education from the National-Louis University(1973). He was awarded the status of 'Certified Association Executive' by the American Society of Association Executives(1973)

Ray holds a Commercial Pilot Certificate with Aircraft, Glider&Balloon ratings, and has achieved a world flight record. His initial flight training was with the WWII Army Air Corps. He has attended the pilot courses with the USAF Disaster Preparedness School (1970)and the US Coast Guard National Search & Rescue School(1975).

He has been an Air Group member since 1998 and completed the Yavapai County Sar Academy in March 1999. He has flown numerous missions in his Varga and has been an observer in other mission aircraft.

He has been recognized nationally as an author & editor in the aviation education field and has had a leadership role with several organizations.

